



MINUTES

Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission

February 17, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rose Brown
Lance Ehmcke

Matt Paul
Eric Turner

MEETING IN BRIEF

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I. Procedural Business.

II. Election of the Fifth Member and Chairperson of the
Commission.

III. Public Hearings.



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I. Procedural Business.

Call to Order. The second meeting of the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission was called to order at 9:04 a.m., Thursday, February 17, 2011, in Room 300 of the Miller Building.

Minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes of the February 11, 2011, meeting of the Commission were approved.

Next Meeting. The Commission agreed to schedule its next meeting for Friday, February 25, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 300 of the Miller Building.

Adjournment. The Commission adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

II. Election of the Fifth Member and Chairperson of the Commission.

Mr. Ehmcke and Mr. Turner both submitted nominations for the position of the fifth member of the Commission. The Commission approved a motion to elect Ms. Maggie Tinsman as the fifth member of the Commission. Pursuant to the Iowa Code, the fifth member also serves as chairperson of the Commission.

Mr. Ehmcke telephonically notified Ms. Tinsman during the meeting regarding her election and confirmed her availability to attend the next Commission meeting. Mr. Ed Cook, Legislative Services Agency, stated that he would also be contacting Ms. Tinsman to provide her with information regarding the Commission.

Mr. Cook stated a letter of thanks would be forwarded by the Legislative Services Agency to each of the nominees for the position of the fifth member of the Commission.

III. Public Hearings.

The Commission discussed the public hearings that would be held during the first week of April 2011 (following the release of the first proposed redistricting plan on March 31, 2011). Mr. Cook informed the Commission that the next meeting of the Commission would require, at a minimum, a determination of the location of the public hearings for purposes of logistical planning.

The Commission discussed the possibility of projecting an image of the proposed redistricting map on a screen at the public hearings. The Commission discussed the possibility of holding four public hearings as opposed to the three public hearings that were held in 1991 and 2001. Mr. Cook stated that the Iowa Code only requires that at least three public hearings be held. Mr. Cook stated that the rules from the 2001 public hearings will be made available at the next meeting of the Commission. Mr. Cook stated that a compilation of press articles related to redistricting in 1981, 1991, and 2001 will be made available to the Commission.

Formal action regarding the number of public hearings, the location of the public hearings, and the rules for the public hearings was not taken.